



## TOWN COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting

### Minutes

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6:30 PM

Council Chambers

This meeting's notice was published in the Post and Courier newspaper.

#### **I. Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Heyward at 6:40 PM.

#### **II. Roll Call**

In attendance were Councilmembers Dunmyer, III, Salters, Sausser, Scott, Smalls, Sr., Townsend, Planner/Zoning Administrator Holton, Attorney Austen, and Clerk-Treasurer White.

#### **III. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation was given by Reverend Herbert Mungin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Heyward added under New Business a proposal from Dorchester County regarding sewer taps. Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **V. Public Comments**

*Arnold Collins* complimented Town Council on the improvements at the Dock at Wide Awake Park. He suggested that the Town add spokes between the bannister to prevent children from being injured. He also expressed concern about trash on Highway 162. Mr. and Mrs. Collins presented the Town with a doggy canister and litter bags to be used at Wide Awake Park.

Mayor Heyward thanked Mr. Collins and the Hunt Club for all of their hard work at Hollywood Trails at the SAP. They are doing a wonderful job in preparing the park for its grand opening.

#### **VI. Minutes**

Councilmember Sausser made the motion to accept the minutes of July 25, 2016 as prepared; Councilmember Salters seconded, and all voted in favor.

#### **VII. Committee Reports**

**Finance:** Councilmember Sausser made a motion to accept as information; Councilmember Scott seconded. Councilmember Salters pointed out on the Payroll Reconciliation Report that there are outstanding checks that date back to 2013-2014 and asked if this is policy to carry checks for that length of time. Mayor Heyward answered 'no' that it is not a policy; and we will check into it and have an answer at the next Council meeting. After discussion, all voted in favor.

**Planning/Zoning:** Councilmember Smalls, Sr., made the motion to accept the Planner's Report as information; Councilmember Sausser seconded and all voted in favor.

Utilities Report: E.M. Seabrook reported meeting today to discuss the water project on New Road and sewer complaints on Gibson Road and Highway 162; and odor control at pump stations #4 and #5 and related costs. Mr. Seabrook discussed conducting smoke testing starting in the Petersfield area and finding someone that can do the work. He also gave an update about meeting with Dorchester County for a proposal to connect 30 units on County Line Road into Hollywood's sewer system. Councilmember Sausser asked if pump station #6 would improve once pump stations #4 and #5 are treated. Mr. Seabrook answered, yes; there would be an improvement to #6. Councilmember Dunmyer, III asked how long it will be before results are seen. Mr. Seabrook mentioned that he could not give a specific time on the results because the chemical has to work its way through the system.

Project Cool Breeze: Councilmember Dunmyer, III reported a total of 29 residents were served and out of that number 27 received air conditioners and two received fans. Another distribution will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Hampton Park. Additionally, Councilmember Dunmyer, III said air conditioners with 6000 BTU's and remote will be distributed, the first of this type. He encouraged everyone to come out and support this event.

### **VIII. New Business**

*Partnership with CWS for a Grant at New Road Extension:* Mayor Heyward explained that a grant is available through Charleston Water System (CWS) to run a waterline on New Road. Charleston Water System will write the grant. Mayor Heyward said a Resolution will be prepared for Council's signature at next month's meeting. Councilmember Sausser made a motion to pursue the grant, Councilmember Dunmyer, III seconded and all voted in favor.

*Dorchester County Proposal for 32 Sewer Taps on County Line Road:* Mayor Heyward asked for Council's input to allow Dorchester County to acquire 32 sewer taps at the Peninsula at Poplar Grove and Bulow Landing Road. Mayor Heyward believes some of the funding from this venture may help with the ongoing issues at the pump stations; to which Councilmember Sausser agreed that this would be a good opportunity to fix some of the problems that we are having at the pump stations.

Councilmember Townsend expressed his concern over who would be responsible for the maintenance/problems with the sewer system. Will the Town accept all or partial responsibility. Mayor Heyward answered that it is the Town's sewer system; therefore, the Town would be responsible. She said that Council and the Town's attorney will work on a contract that will address any issues. Mayor Heyward asked Council for direction on whether they think it is feasible. Once the investigation is done and a decision is made, we can finalize what needs to be done to move forward.

Councilmember Dunmyer III asked E.M. Seabrook and Planning/Zoning Administrator Holton how many taps the Town presently has. Mr. Seabrook answered that the Town has roughly 1,000 taps. He said that the Town is somewhere in the neighborhood of about half of its capacity. Councilmember Dunmyer III said that his concern was that years ago, the goal was to insure that the residents of Hollywood have sewer. He asked how many of the residents in Poplar Grove have sewer. Mr. Seabrook answered that all of the homes in Poplar Grove have sewer - there are no septic tanks in Poplar Grove. He said it would be a good idea to find out how many permitted units have been approved by DHEC. Mayor Heyward mentioned that we have a working document in place that would tell us how many taps have been allocated. She said we certainly have the capacity

to move forward. The question is do we want to extend it to this area with a strict contract that will satisfy Council. Attorney Austen said that the Town has a need for some supplemental funding of its sewer system. He suggested that an ordinance be put in place that charges an elevated rate to non-Hollywood residents. He has looked into this matter and Aiken charges four (4) times what their citizens pay to non-residents and other towns in the State charge two (2) times the amount. It is a stream of income that will be ongoing for generations in the Town; we are providing a service and they can't build homes without it. It would not be called a sewer impact fee but a non-residential fee. He would be willing to prepare an ordinance for next month's meeting if Council would like him to do so.

Councilmember Scott said that Dorchester County is ready to move forward now and we could use the money to help with the sewer system. A study should be done and if it is beneficial to sell the 32 taps, that's what we should do. If we are on the losing end, then we should not sell. There should be strict stipulations in the contract about the payment for the taps.

Councilmember Salters asked if the Town is expecting money from the State for the sewer system and how much is expected. Mayor Heyward answered that money is expected from the State for the sewer system but does not want to speculate on how much. She said when the funds are received, it will be utilized for sewer needs and to upgrade the system; there is a lot of work to be done. Thousands of dollars is spent on maintaining the sewer system and we have sewer available for any Hollywood resident that wants it. She noted that some residents may have problems paying for it and that is why it is being suggested that Project Sewer Connect be implemented so that we can look at those parcels and offer some type of incentive for these residents to tie into the system.

Mayor Heyward asked for a motion for Attorney Austen to draft an ordinance for the Dorchester County proposal to sell 32 sewer taps to non-residents. Councilmember Sausser made the motion; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded. Councilmember Dunmyer, III suggested that we need to do our homework before moving forward and know what the end results will be. A study needs to be done and presented to Council. Councilmembers Dunmyer, III and Councilmember Townsend voted no. All others voted in favor.

Mayor Heyward asked for a motion to allow E.M. Seabrook (Town's engineer), Attorney Austen, and Mayor Heyward to investigate what it will take in order to allow the taps to be sold. Councilmember Sausser made the motion; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded. Councilmembers Dunmyer, III and Councilmember Townsend voted no. All others voted in favor.

## **IX. Old Business**

*2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-16-12, Request approval of rezoning from Residential One (Manufactured Homes Allowed) (R-1M) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) on parcel TMS #191-00-00-330, 5954 Dixie Plantation Road:* Councilmember Sausser made the motion to discuss; Councilmember Smalls, Sr., seconded. Councilmember Dunmyer, III asked for the location of the property and for clarification on what the applicant is allowed to do. He feels the applicant should be given specific documentation on what can and cannot be done in this zoning district. Mayor Heyward stated that whatever is put there would have to fall under the Neighborhood Commercial guidelines. There was discussion on the hours of operation and alcohol/beer sales. Councilmember Dunmyer, III made the motion to table this request for additional information. All voted in favor to table.

E.M. Seabrook asked if the odor control issue will be discussed further. Mayor Heyward said that it will be investigated and a final proposal will be presented at next month's meeting. Mr. Seabrook asked Council if they would like another presentation regarding this issue. Council said yes, they would like to have another presentation.

#### **X. Mayor's Update**

Mayor Heyward reported on the Retreat held in August and noted that a number of topics were discussed. She also mentioned that some items were not discussed due to time restraints. An agenda will be planned for the fiscal year which began July 1. It will include topics that were discussed during the Retreat. She asked Council if there is anything that they would like to see implemented this year, to make it known so that we can begin the process. The Music Festival will take place October 1, 2016 in Ravenel. Adult tickets are \$5, children under the age of 12 is \$1. East Coast Party Band, Leather and Lace and A Touch of Class are the featured artists. She encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the event.

#### **XI. Comments from Mayor/Council**

Councilmember Townsend mentioned that he would like to see *Hot Topics* continue. He thought that it was very insightful and informative. Mayor Heyward mentioned that if anyone has a topic they would like to learn more about to let the staff know so that we can contact the presenter and put the topic on the agenda.

Councilmember Sausser is concerned about the people in Louisiana and California. She would like information posted to the Town's website for residents to donate or raise money for people in these disaster areas. This is the 15th year anniversary of 9/11. She would also like to see something on the website in support of the people that lost family members and love ones.

Councilmember Dunmyer, III mentioned that Raven Saunders, of Burke High School, placed 5th place in the US Olympics. She made South Carolina proud.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

**Prepared by:  
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